

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

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**NOVEL SYNTHETIC
HYDROPHOBIC SAND
FORMULATION**

Group Art Unit:

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J. Gellner

AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION**RECEIVED**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 6, 2002, Applicants hereby respectfully request entry and due consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

AMENDMENTS**IN THE CLAIM:**

1.(Amended) A synthetic hydrophobic sand formulation exhibiting a penetration period of at least 9 seconds for a drop of 2 molar ethanol under a minimal ethanol drop test wherein at least a portion of said sand formulation is treated with humic acid.